



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, September 23, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-4600)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

**Present:** Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

**Excused:** Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

**Staff present:** Bolaji Famuyiwa and Roy Sinclair. (15-4599)

**Call to Order.** (15-4477)

**Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- 1. Approval of the September 16, 2015 Minutes. (15-4478)**

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Percy Duran, III, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

- 2. Approval of the September 9, 2015 Minutes. (15-4324)**

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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## **II. PRESENTATION**

- 3.**    Discussion and general overview of the duties of the Edelman's Juvenile Court Mental Health Services.

- Gia Crecelius MD, Director, Juvenile Court Mental Health Services
- Dr. Jane Tesoro (15-4307)

**Representatives from the Department of Mental Health, Gia Crecelius, MD and Jane Tesoro, PharmD, presented a general overview of the services provided by the Department of Mental Health Juvenile Court Mental Health Services (JCMHS). Their presentation highlighted the processes for Psychotropic Medication Authorization and the JCMHS Processes. Following the presentation were questions, answers and further deliberation by the Commissioners. Chair Montano thanked the presenters for coming to share their report with the Commission.**

**During further deliberation, the Commission expressed concern regarding the breakdown in the processes for monitoring the psychotropic medications that are administered to the youth in the group homes. Commissioner Zhen recommended the Commission to send a correspondence to the Board of Supervisors expressing their concern for the aforementioned breakdown. On motion of Commissioner Duran seconded by Vice President Barbara Bigby, and all in favor Commissioner Grills was requested to draft the Board correspondence for the Commission.**

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## **III. REPORTS**

- 4.**    Chairperson's Report on various items. (15-4480)

**Chairperson Montaña shared a Daily Breeze Newspaper Article with the Commission:**

- Sheriff will only Transfer Inmates to Feds if they qualify under State Law - September 23, 2015.

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5. Treasurer's report. (15-4481)

**Commissioner Andrews reported that the balance of the Commissioner's Charitable Fund remains at \$408.90.**

6. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (15-4482)

**Staff reported that a draft correspondence to the Board regarding the Commission's concern as it relates to the Sheriff's Department Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) has been prepared, based on the information submitted by the Commissioners. After a brief review and discussion of the letter, on motion of Commissioner Cheryl Grills, Ph.D., seconded by Barbara Bigby, the Commission approved submitting the letter to the Board as written with the following votes:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

**Noes:** 1 - Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

**Excused:** 4 - Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Keren M. Goldberg and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

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7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from September 17, 2015 to September 22, 2015. (15-4483)

**During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Montañó and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- Dream Home Care, Inc. #1 (Gardenia Avenue, Long Beach, CA) on September 21, 2015.

**Vice Chairperson Bigby visited:**

- Bourne Inc. (1) (Monterosa Drive, Altadena, CA) on September 10, 2015 and noted that Bedroom #1 needs a new mattress.

**Commissioner Duran visited:**

- San Gabriel Children's Center "Homerest" (Homerest Avenue, Azusa,

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**CA) on September 22, 2015.**

**Commissioner Zhen visited:**

- **West Covina Courthouse (West Covina Parkway, West Covina, CA) on September 18, 2015 and noted that Cell #1 needs to be painted and the benches were scratched up. The inmates in Cell #4 complained that it was cold in the cell. There were several reported incidents of use-of-force. Commissioner Zhen recommends a follow-up visit to inspect the use-of-force report log.**
- **Lakewood Sheriff Station (North Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA) on September 16, 2015 and noted that Cells E1 and E2 need to be painted. It takes up to thirty minutes to book arrestees and during the booking process the arrestees do not receive water, food or allowed to make any phone calls, including their attorney.**

**Not Home**

**Vice Chairperson Bigby visited:**

- **Hillsides Home for Children "Boys Sattelite Home" (Maiden Lane, Altadena, CA) on September 11, 2015.**

**Commissioner Grills visited:**

- **O'Conner & Atkins Home "Bizmark Boys Home" (West 41st Street Drive, Los Angeles, CA) on September 22, 2015.**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-4484)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

**Public Comment**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-4485)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of September 23, 2015. (15-4486)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of September 23, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.**

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